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Rieston, Robert M.

Adjutant General

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*Quota of Kinnabek*

# VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF



TOWN OF

I, *Robert M. Ruston* born in *Buckertown*  
in the State of *Maryland* aged *thirteen* years,  
and by occupation a *laborer* Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have  
volunteered this *seventh* day of *May* 1864,  
to serve as a *Soldier* in the Army of the United States of America, for the  
period of *THREE YEARS*, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also  
agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, estab-  
lished by law for volunteers. And I, *Robert M. Ruston* do  
solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the *United States*  
*of America*, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their  
enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of  
the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over  
me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Portland*  
this *10* day of *May* 1864.  
BEFORE *Charles H. Doughty*

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer,  
agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all  
bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing  
the duties of a soldier.

*Chas W Thomas*

EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, *Robert*  
previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best  
of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified  
to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations  
which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has *Black* EYES, *Black* HAIR,  
*Dark* COMPLEXION, is *five* FEET *four* INCHES high.

Regiment of

Volunteers,

RECRUITING OFFICER.

*Charles H Doughty*

NOTE.—The Recruiting Officer will here enter the soldier's residence, and state whether \*married or single.

This soldier is a resident of

and is \* *Single*

Mustered into the service of the United States, in Company  
the *10* day of *May* 1864, at *Portland*

Regiment of *Army Artillery Volunteers*, on

*Capt Chas H Doughty*

*1st Regt Maine*



NOTE 1.—This blank will be used for both enlistments and re-enlistments—enlistment of veterans, &c., &c., in the volunteer service. They will be made out in triplicate in all cases—one to accompany the recruiting return of the superintendent (not the recruiting officer) to the Adjutant General of the Army, one to accompany the accounts of the officer who pays bounty, and one for the Adjutant General of the State. The Regiment and Company in which the soldier last served should be given on the back.

NOTE 2.—An enlistment holds to service. A muster-in must, in all cases, precede payment of pay, bounty, pension, &c. A muster-in roll must, in all cases, be filed in the Adjutant General's Office as evidence of muster-in. The mustering officer, commissary, or assistant commissary of musters, as the case may be, will countersign all the enlistments as having mustered the soldier into the service of the United States before either of them is given to the disbursing officer.

## DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, Robert-M. Riester desiring to VOLUNTEER as a soldier in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, for the term of THREE YEARS, DO DECLARE, That I am Mustein years and months of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability or by sentence of a court martial, or by order before the expiration of a term of enlistment: and I know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for three years.

GIVEN at Portland the Seventh day of May 1864

Witness:

Henry F. Smith Robert M. Riester his marks

Discharged

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Regiment of

14th enlistment; last served in Co. ( )

By Charles A. Broughty

14th Reg. of A. Artillery

May 10th

1864

Volunteered at

Portland

No. 581

Robert-M. Riester

## CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Do CERTIFY, That I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; that the said \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age; and I do hereby freely give my CONSENT to his volunteering as a SOLDIER in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES for the period of THREE YEARS.

GIVEN at \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 186 .

Witness: